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NEW YEAR WORK
IS OUTLINED BY
DR. STEVENSON OF
FIRST METHODIST

SIX THINGS NAMED FOR ACCOMPLISHMENT DURING THE COMING YEAR.

BIG EXPANSION IS PLANNED REPORTS HERE NOW STATE

Alabama Water Company is the Name of New Organization With Capital of \$800,000 Raised From \$25,000.

PAPERS ARE FILED IN PROBATE COURT

Many Improvements Already Made By Officials Now in Charge of the Local Water Works System

Increase of its capital stock from \$25,000 to \$800,000 and change of its name to the Alabama Water Company was announced today by the Decatur Water Supply Company, in a declaration filed in the office of Probate Judge William E. Skeggs.

A bond issue "for improvement and acquisition of property" was announced in the declaration.

Filing of the declaration at the court house created a great deal of interest. The course was decided upon at a stockholders' meeting early in December, but official announcement was withheld until today. The papers were signed by Eugene Fies, of Birmingham, president of the company. Other officers will remain the same, it is understood.

The Decatur Water Supply company came into existence here several years ago, when Mr. Fies, John D. Weakley and associates of Birmingham, took over the old Decatur Water Works Company, which had furnished water for the two cities almost ever since they were founded. The offices were moved from Moulton street to Johnston street, in the Masonic theatre building, and a series of improvements begun, including the installation of a large filtering plant at the pumping station on the river.

Owners of the water company recently made large purchases of land adjoining the river, near the present pumping station. Announcement was made that the property would be used as a park.

Rumors today, following the announcement of the bond issue, hinted that developments on a large scale are being planned, including the possible erection of a power plant to generate electricity to operate the street railway system in Albany-Decatur. The electric line is owned by Mr. Weakley and associates.

John D. Weakley is expected to arrive in Albany-Decatur Wednesday, it was stated at the local office of the company today. He will give out an extended statement, then, outlining the plans of the company. He is in Birmingham now, and local officials refused to discuss the meaning of the increase in capital.

It is understood on good authority, however, that improvements contemplated include work to be done at the Bessemer and Anniston plants of the company also. The bond issue will be used partly in the reorganization, taking up all indebtedness.

It was admitted here that some improvements will be made at an early date, but no intimation was given as to the nature of them.

Search For Bodies 48 Burned Women

(International News Service.)
Montreal, Jan. 1.—Search was begun today in the ruins of St. Ferdinand de Halifax asylum for the bodies of 46 women known to have perished when fire destroyed the asylum Saturday night.

Five Youngsters are Caught "Gaming" in the City Cemetery

Five youngsters, all in knee pants, were taken into custody by Deputy Sheriff Grubb and Crook yesterday on charges of gaming. The boys were caught in the City cemetery.

On account of the tender age of the participants, the officers will not prosecute, it is said. The boys were frightened and Sheriff Forman says he believes that will be sufficient for the first offense, but gives warning that it must not be repeated.

MONEY POURS INTO THE COUNTY TILL

COLLECTOR ROBERTSON BROKE ALL RECORDS SATURDAY FOR A SINGLE DAY.

All tax collections for a single day in Morgan county were smashed Saturday, when Tax Collector Chas. Robertson collected \$41,037.40. Of this amount one check was for \$23,467.22 and was drawn by the Louisville & Nashville railroad. This was the largest amount ever paid in taxes in Morgan county by any corporation.

During the day, Saturday, Mr. Robertson and his assistant waited on more than 500 of the county's customers. So expeditiously did they handle the money that none were compelled to make a second trip to the county temple.

Billy S. Clifford's Lady Band Plays

Big Crowds Hear Woman Musical Organization in Free Concert.

Billy Single Clifford's lady band gave a free musical on the streets of Albany and Decatur this morning, and both concerts were heard by a large and enthusiastic crowd, in which the mere man was notably conspicuous. The lady musicians, clad in attractive uniforms, not only showed a thorough mastery of the instruments, but also displayed a bunch of pulebrity. They made the trip from Albany to Decatur in automobiles furnished by local friends of Mr. Clifford.

The Clifford company will appear at the Masonic this afternoon at 3 o'clock and again tonight, in "Linger Longer Lucy," a comedy written especially for the company. Billy Clifford always makes a hit here, and the advance sale indicated that this is to be his bumper year.

AUTO AND BUGGY COLLIDE.

An automobile, driven by Frank Frohoff, and a buggy driven by Andrew Motes, of near Somerville, collided at the intersection of Moulton street and Second avenue Saturday night, neither of the drivers being injured. The radiator of the auto was damaged and the buggy shafts were broken.

WAR SECRETARY MAY COME HERE ON SHOALS VISIT

ALBANY AND DECATUR TO EXTEND INVITATION TO SECRETARY OF WAR.

Following the announcement that Secretary of War Newton D. Baker would come to Alabama about Feb. 1 to inspect the Muscle Shoals site for the proposed \$20,000,000 government nitrate plant, a movement was set on foot in Albany and Decatur today to have the distinguished cabinet officer also visit the Twin Cities. Invitations will be extended to Mr. Baker to include Albany and Decatur in his itinerary by commercial organizations, the city council, mayors and other officials and by private citizens.

At this time the war department is awaiting the report of Dr. Noyes of the American Academy of Science as to the practicability of the coke process in the extraction of nitrate from the air to be used in the manufacture of explosives. Dr. Noyes will pass on the relative merits of the water power system as compared to the coke process. If his verdict is against the coke process, as it is expected to be, Mr. Baker will then announce definitely the date of his southern trip.

It is stated that Germany has already demonstrated that the coke process is too slow to be of great practical value in time of war, the coke process plant there having an output of only one-third of the nitrate consumed in actual warfare during a given period.

RAILROAD STRIKE TODAY IS AVERTED

NOT BELIEVED THAT TRAINMEN WILL QUIT WORK PENDING COURT DECISION.

(International News Service.)
Chicago, Jan. 1.—Both railroad officials and leaders of the trainmen today expressed confidence that there would be no strike or even sporadic outbreaks pending a decision by the supreme court on the Adamson 8-hour law.

Announcement was made that 640 grievance committeemen of the employees will be in Chicago on Jan. 11 to consider reports of the heads of the four brotherhoods who have broken off negotiations with railroad officials.

The supreme court is scheduled to take up the Adamson 8-hour case on January 8.

Complications aroused by the award of an 8-hour day and an increase of 5 cents an hour to the Switchmen's Union of America will be one of the serious matters discussed at the meeting here.

RIVAL CLAIMANTS FOR CHIEF OFFICE

HUNT, DEMOCRAT, AND CAMPBELL, REPUBLICAN, BOTH ATTEMPT TO HANDLE REINS.

(International News Service.)
Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 1.—Deputy Sheriff's today refused to admit Governor Campbell, governor-elect of Arizona, following an inaugural address which he delivered from the steps of the state house. The deputies said they had been instructed by the sheriff, who also took office today, to obtain instructions from Leroy Ladd, private secretary to Governor Hunt, the incumbent. Campbell, republican, and a party of 25, were admitted to the state house by the custodian of the building. All doors were locked during the address, under instructions of Hunt, a democrat. Campbell later went to Sheriff Wilke and formally demanded that the doors be opened.

SPLENDID OUTLOOK FOR BUSINESS YEAR IN THE TWIN CITIES

Indications Are That Albany and Decatur Will Be More Prosperous Than For Any Twelve Month Period.

MUSCLE SHOALS PROBABLY LANDED SOON

Important Business Changes Are Announced. Various Firms Open in New Locations.

Albany and Decatur enter the New Year with the best outlook for business expansion of any year of their history. With the L. & N. shops, the Oak Extract plant, the compress, and many smaller industries employing large forces of men, and with large rush orders on hand to be filled, the industrial horizon is without a cloud.

To add to the tone of general prosperity, it is now strongly indicated that the \$20,000,000 government nitrate plant will be located at Muscle Shoals early in the year. Secretary of War Newton D. Baker will visit the Shoals within the next few weeks on a trip of personal inspection. It is believed that he will be so much impressed with the possibilities of the development of this gigantic water power that he will accept the recommendation of the government engineers and locate the big federal industry on the Tennessee.

There are but few vacant houses in Albany or Decatur. Real estate is bringing better prices than since the boom days. There is more money in general circulation than ever before. Trade with the surrounding country has reached a new high tide.

Many Business Changes.

Beginning with the new year, a number of business changes have been announced.

Mrs. F. S. Graves, milliner, will move from her present location to the building formerly occupied by J. P. Browne and Miller's piano store, on Second avenue. Mr. Browne will go out of business for a time, he announced today, while Mr. Miller will move to the building on Johnston street now occupied by the Walker Tailoring Company. Mr. Walker will move to Second avenue, going into the building with the Hacker Piano Co. A. F. Harris will occupy the building made vacant by Mrs. Graves.

H. B. Cagle, manager of the Star and Masonic theatres, has purchased the Delphi on Second avenue and the Airdome at the intersection of Second avenue and Ferry and Lee streets.

A. H. Garrett, Bank street grocer, will remove at once to the new Austin building on Moulton street, Albany, where he will be engaged in the retail grocery business.

J. W. Bailey, also a popular Bank street grocer, will occupy the building in which the late A. Spielberger conducted a dry goods store. The stock of the latter establishment has been sold to a Cincinnati firm and has been shipped to that city.

Taxes are Paid By Alabama Power Co.

The city of Albany today received a check for several hundred from the tax agent of the Alabama Power Co. in payment of the company's municipal taxes for the year.

L. H. Buis Critically Ill at the Hospital

L. H. Buis is critically ill at the Benevolent hospital, his condition being so grave as to cause much apprehension. At noon today he was reported as very low. Relatives from a number of states are now at the bedside.

CENTRAL POWERS BEGIN NEW YEAR WITH MORE WINS

HAMMER HARD AT GATES OF BRAILA AND ADVANCE IN DOBRUDJA.

(International News Service.)
Berlin, Jan. 1.—Field Marshal Von Mackensen's troops have captured Herestran and Uregeun, two towns in the Sebala valley, the war office announced today.

One thousand prisoners, four cannon and eight machine guns were captured in yesterday's fighting.

(International News Service.)

Berlin, Jan. 1.—Troops of the central powers are inaugurating the new year with further successes on the Roumanian front. The Germans are hammering at the gates of Braila, one of the most important cities left in Wallachia, and its fall is momentarily expected in Berlin.

In Dobrudja the Bulgarian advance on Matchin continues.

CHIHUAHUA CITY AGAIN THREATENED

VILLA BANDITS SAID TO HAVE DEFEATED MURGUIA SOUTH OF CAPITAL.

(International News Service.)
El Paso, Jan. 1.—Chihuahua City again is about to fall into the hands of Villa, according to advices received by federal agents today. Carranza forces under Gen. Murguia have been defeated by the Villistas south of the state capital and are falling back on Chihuahua City.

Villa is reported to be directing the attack on Jimenez. The Carranza garrison at San Antonio, south of Ojinaja, has gone over to the Villistas, and Ojinaja has been evacuated.

Patient is Placed in Custody of Sheriff

Horace Draper, of Hartselle, has been placed in the custody of Sheriff Forman by relatives. He is said to be suffering from mental trouble and may be removed later to the asylum at Tuscaloosa.

Worthy Appointment to an Important Position

W. R. McCluskey has been appointed secretary and treasurer of the Morgan County Masonic Conference by C. P. Price, Master of the Conference. Mr. McCluskey is one of the best known Masons in North Alabama, and his selection will prove most satisfactory. He succeeds the late A. A. Oden.

PEACE INTEREST IS NOW CENTERING IN ALLIES' REPLY TO THE WILSON NOTE

BELIEVED THAT IT WILL GO FULLY INTO CONDITIONS RELATING TO THE WAR.

TWO HARD BLOWS ARE FELT

ANSWER TO CENTRAL POWERS AND SPAIN'S ATTITUDE ARE RATHER DEPRESSING.

(International News Service.)

London, Jan. 1.—With the reply to Germany's peace initiative accorded universal endorsement, chief interest centered today in the reply to be made to President Wilson's note, which is expected to prove a far more important document.

The reply to Germany with its indictment of German methods and purposes was largely anticipated. The American reply is not, and the resentment in some quarters with which it was received, for the most part has disappeared. It is expected that the reply to America will be the most illuminating outline of the allies' aim in the war that has been yet issued. It is believed that it will go deeply into the causes of the war. It will answer as far as possible all the questions asked by President Wilson, and without declaring flatly for a relentless prosecution of the war, will state firmly the intention to continue it. Without exception the English press has praised the reply to Germany.

HARDEST BLOWS STRUCK AT PEACE PLAN YET.

(International News Service.)

Washington, Jan. 1.—The stand of the entente allies on the Teutonic peace discussion proposal and Spain's refusal to back up the president's offer toward peace on the ground that the time is not yet ripe, are regarded here as the most damaging blows that have been dealt the peace propaganda. It was stated in diplomatic circles today that the reason the president's second note to neutral countries was kept secret was because such action as that by Spain was feared. It was such a stand by any neutral that would weaken the position taken by the administration. Study of the note of the entente powers today has convinced officials here that there are still doors open for peace efforts, both by the central powers and the neutrals, particularly the former.

Any statement of terms by the Berlin government it is believed in official quarters here will result in a continuance of the diplomatic exchange between the belligerent leagues with the possibilities for favorable result still looming large.

In order to meet the criticism that the central powers are not sincere in their proposals it is confidentially predicted by neutral diplomats in Washington that an outline of the terms under which the Teuton governments will enter a peace discussion are forthcoming. The only delay in naming the terms it is believed will be that it is necessary for diplomatic conferences between the governments of the nations fighting the entente so that their action will be unanimous.

Meanwhile interest here is centered on the expected reply from the entente governments to the Wilson note. It is expected according to unofficial information within the week.

Allied Ships Flash Wireless Warnings

(International News Service.)

Norfolk, Jan. 1.—Allied warships off the American coast flashed wireless warning to all allied shipping today to be on guard against submarines. The warning stated that German U-boats are expected to become increasingly active in Atlantic waters from now on. Allied merchant vessels are also warned against one or more German raiders which are expected to be operating in the Atlantic.

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SECRETARY BAKER'S VISIT.
 The proposed visit of Newton D. Baker, secretary of war, to Alabama, affords Albany and Decatur an excellent opportunity to extend a bit of southern hospitality to this distinguished official. Every effort should be made to have Mr. Baker include Albany and Decatur in his itinerary, and to this end the commercial organizations, city officials, civic bodies and private citizens should overwhelm the war secretary with invitations.

Aside from the fact that Mr. Baker is entrusted with the duty of selecting the site for the \$20,000,000 government nitrate plant, he will be welcomed here with that honor that is due a member of the official household of President Wilson and as a man of rare attainments and unusual distinction. His coming will be a gala occasion.

Now, let's get busy and induce him to come.

"A bad beginning makes a good ending."

Here's your water, now ride your wagon.

Begin your Christmas present making early.

NEW YEAR WORK IS OUTLINED BY

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We should be called to humility and self distrust, it is true, but to an ever higher trust in God."

In this connection the speaker told the experiences of Robert Bruce, the Scotch king, who watched the perseverance of the spider, that had made eight fruitless swings before finally planting his feet on the spot where he wished to place his web.

"Learning from the spider," said the preacher, "Bruce gave out the clear call that rallied his followers on to final victory. My friends, I say that in the Christian life men are called as into eternal warfare, not to be defeated and not to grovel in the dust. We are to climb on failures of the past to the enduring successes of the future."

CONGRESS WILL RE-CONVENE FOR FINAL SESSION.

(International News Service.)
 Washington, Jan. 1.—Congress will re-convene tomorrow for the 43 remaining working days of the session. Much important legislation will come up.

BE FRIENDS WITH YOUR LIVER

Don't make the mistake of taking drastic purgatives for constipation and liver sluggishness. They gripe and tear through the delicate bowel structure, with shocking effect and accomplish infinitely more harm than good. Such mistakes shorten lives. When constipated or bilious take



The mild vegetable remedy that does its work by ASSISTING nature. Gives the entire intestinal tract a thorough, gentle cleansing. Sweeps out all impurities and imparts life and tone to the liver and bowels. Does not gripe, nauseate or leave unpleasant after-effects. Try it. A large bottle for 50 cents.

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Just In Passing

LOCAL PEOPLE WELCOME.

"We want as many as possible of the Albany-Decatur dancing crowd to be sure and come to Huntsville Monday night," said Conrad O'Neal, popular Huntsville boy, who attended the dance at the Colonial club last night. "We are going to have some dance at the Twickenham. We had a fine time here last night and we want to continue the interrupted fun Monday night."

BELIEVES IN ADVERTISING.

"The business for the year just closed was the biggest the Morgan Furniture Company has ever enjoyed," said John L. Proctor. "I believe advertising is more than anything else, responsible for that increase. The right kind of publicity certainly is a stimulant to business in nearly any line. I intend just doubling my appropriation for advertising for 1917."

ENTERTAINMENT WORTH \$1.00

"That was one of the prettiest song services I ever heard," said Henry Hartung, speaking of the entertainment at the Westminster Presbyterian church last night. "The program was easily worth a dollar and I was glad it was heard by such a large and appreciative audience."

A Miracle Performed

PHYSICIANS INFORMED ME MY CASE WAS A FATAL ONE, SAYS MR. RICHARD ALL. 'SEVEN AIDS' SAVED HIM. SUFFERING WITH TUBERCULOSIS OF BONE.

"I suffered for two years with tuberculosis of the bone and while I was sick I had sixty-two physicians to examine me and they informed me that my case was a fatal one," said Mr. Richard All, 1601 State St., Nashville, Tenn. Mr. All continued by saying: "I have taken two bottles of 'SEVEN AIDS' INDIAN RELIEF TONIC and am now a sound man." Do you not think this miraculous? It is evident proof that "SEVEN AIDS" does things. If you have ailments other medicines failed to conquer, don't fail to try "SEVEN AIDS." It is a nature's remedy and a wonder working medicine. "SEVEN AIDS" regulates, strengthens and repairs the seven most prominent organs of the body.

Buy a bottle. Try it and be convinced of its merit.

There is no real substitute for "SEVEN AIDS."

Look for DELAFONTAINE and the INDIAN ARROW on each label.

Sold by Owl Drug Co., Decatur, Ala., and S. M. Thompson, Albany, Ala.

(Adv.)

Mrs. J. F. Arnold Dies in Franklin Kentucky

News was received here today of the death of Mrs. James F. Arnold, mother of Mrs. Herbert Hughes, in Franklin, Ky., her home. Mrs. Arnold had visited in Albany-Decatur and had many friends here.

Mrs. Hughes was at the bedside of her mother when death came. Mr. Hughes had been in Franklin, also, spending the Christmas holidays. He returned here this morning, but was called back immediately by Mrs. Arnold's death. He left for Franklin on the next train. Interment will be made in Franklin.

NOTICE.

Bankrupt Sale of Drugs and Druggist Sundries. In re C. W. Bethany, Bankrupt.

On Saturday, January, the 13th, 1917, at 10 o'clock a. m., by order of the Referee in Bankruptcy for the Northeastern Division of the Northern District of Alabama, I will sell in front of Dillehay, Putnam & Co. store on Fourth avenue, south, in Albany, Alabama, at auction, to the highest bidder for cash, one small iron safe, one small cash register, one ceiling fan and the remnant of a stock of drugs and druggist sundries, all the property of the estate of the bankrupt, C. W. Bethany.

SAMUEL BLACKWELL, Trustee.
 In the matter of the estate of J. L. 4-8 the bankrupt, C. W. Bethany.

Children love N.B.C. GRAHAM CRACKERS because they taste so good—slightly sweetened to satisfy youngsters' palates. Crown-ups like them because they not only taste good but are nourishing as well. Sold by grocers everywhere.

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Ivy Brown Again Goes to the County Roads

Ivy Brown, famous negro who has broken jail probably as often as any other man in the criminal history of Alabama, again has been sent to the county roads of Morgan. He is to complete an unfinished term.

Brown's departure for the road camp interrupted his honeymoon, the negro having been married less than a week ago. He returned recently from the state prison, where he finished a two-year sentence. It took him just nine years to do it, as he left on "French leave," apparently "never the idea came to him, but each time was recaptured."

7 PER CENT MONEY TO LOAN

\$25,000 on first class improved business or residence property in the city of Albany, for term of years with easy payments; money is ready on approved title. Phone 274. W. J. Nesbit, Decatur, Ala.

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LOST—January 1st, between J. A. Bunch & Son's store and Jervis Machine and Foundry shops, open-face gold watch. Fifteen jewel Elgin movement. Return to J. A. Bunch & Son, Second avenue, Albany, Ala.

LOST—Saturday night on Johnston street or Second avenue, purse containing money; can identify satisfactorily; reward for information or return to W. B. Turner. Phone 340-w, Albany.

TAKEN UP—One small mouse-colored aged mule. Owner can have by paying for cost of this advertisement and for keep of mule. E. P. Childs, 393 Ninth street.

LOST—Gold bar pin with horseshoe diamond fixed in center; horseshoe is studded with a number of diamonds. Lost Sunday afternoon either on Eighth avenue, east; Sherman street or Riverview avenue. If found please return to 907 Eighth avenue, east, or the Daily office and receive liberal reward.

FOR SALE—Gold locket and chain, wedding ring and garnet ring; also fancy work, crochet, drawn work and Battenburg. I am in destitute circumstances. Call or address Mrs. Thomas L. Marshall, 708 Moulton street, west, New Decatur, Ala.

WANTED—Energetic, active man, to establish permanent business, whole or part time; health and accident insurance. Immediate cash returns and future. National Casualty Co., Detroit, Mich.

LOST—White fox terrier, about 8 months old, marked with large brown spots on head and body, long tail and ears. Return to Barrett Shelton, Albany-Decatur Daily, and collect reward that awaits you or information that leads to return of animal.

FOR SALE—Desirable home, convenient, large lot and all modern conveniences. Write or call 609 Oak street, Decatur.

For Steam Heated Flats, Phone 29.

FLAT FOR RENT—Seven-room, newly overhauled, modern convenience, \$3 per month. Call W. B. Edmundson. Phone Albany 124.

BARGAINS—I have two 5-acre tracts with new cottages, and also two acre tracts with no improvement in West Town. Installments. E. H. Allison.

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WOOD FOR SALE—Heater or stove wood. Call Wilder Place, 124, New Decatur.

As The Paragraphers See it

The Southern Express Company reports having handled 40,000 packages of licker a day for Virginia and the Carolinas last week. The Christmas snafu in that region seems to have attained the dignity and consequence of an epidemic.—Houston Post.

"Note leaves British cold," says one headline. "Note makes British hot," says another. These sudden changes of temperature are very dangerous to the health.—Charleston News and Courier.

Lansing's startling statement was not so startling after he got his explanatory notes assembled.—Savannah Press.

A Yale professor has paid \$670 for a Hawaiian postage stamp. Can you blame the egg and coal dealers?—Tampa Tribune.

Would you change your job today for a kings?—Shreveport Times.

Good Resolutions

Are you one of those who waits for January first to make new resolutions?

Every day is the beginning of a new year—and a resolution made today means just that much time gained in accomplishing what you might promise to start January first next.

Money deposited before January 10th will draw interest from January 1st.

Let today be your New Year—Start a Savings account.

Morgan County National Bank

ALBANY, ALABAMA.

To Our Customers and Friends

WE take this method of extending to you our most hearty appreciation for the splendid patronage given us during the year 1916. We used our very best efforts to please and serve you promptly.

We will be at the same old stand during 1917 and respectfully solicit a continuance of your patronage and good will.

We sincerely hope and will endeavor to co-operate with you in making 1917 the best year of your business career. We will participate in this to the extent of furnishing you with

Highest Class Merchandise at the Lowest Possible Dollar
Consistent With First-Class Business Methods

Again wishing you good health, happiness and continued prosperity during 1917, we are yours to command

Morgan Furniture Co.
J. L. PROCTOR, Mgr.

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and will accumulate into amounts of

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AND UP

Which you will receive just in time to buy presents
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SERIES PARTY.

A fitting close to a holiday week of brilliant social functions was the morning and afternoon parties given by Mrs. Walter E. Todd for her daughter, Mrs. Tim Hudmon, of Opelika. Mrs. Todd's home showed many charming decorations, a color note of green and red being observed. At the five tables in the forenoon, the following played: Mesdames Jno. W. Jones, Frank Lide, Stanley Green, Herbert Odom, Wm. Watson, Chas. Eyster, Julian Bibb, W. R. Gressell, Paul Pernelle, Misses Rhea Lide, Janie Morrow, Brookie Gibson, Alene Adams, Marjorie Miller, Mary Penick, Kathleen Almon, Margaret Clarkson, Rowena Corzish, Mary Lee Skeggs, Margaret McCalla, Mrs. Chas. Eyster made the top score; after the bottle of Azree toilet water had been presented, lunch cloths were laid, each being centered by a blooming narcissi that was cut for as a souvenir. Afterward a salad course was served.

Afternoon.

Those playing in the afternoon were: Mesdames Wm. K. McNeill, J. O. Davis, Eugene Morrow, Woody Parramore, Law, Lamar, Jr., Harbin Miller, C. B. Elliott, Wilburn Smith, T. H. Alexander, Earl Calvin, H. Woodruff, Misses Carolea Speake, Elizabeth Speake, Birdie and Ada Cline. Pots of narcissis were cut for at each table again and Mrs. Harry Woodruff was presented a bottle of Azree toilet water. Throughout the day Mrs. Todd was assisted by her daughter, Miss Francis; her niece, Miss Helen Hall and Miss Daphne Graves.

GARDNER-DAVIS.

A marriage in which centered much affectionate interest was that of Miss Francis Louise Davis and Mr. Roger C. Gardner, which was solemnized on Thursday, Dec. 28, at 6 o'clock at the First Methodist church at Bessemer, the officiating clergyman being Dr. Ira F. Hawkins, former presiding elder of the Decatur district. The ceremony was witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown, who had accompanied the bridal couple to Bessemer. Mr. and Mrs. Gardner returned here Friday and are at home at 619 East Vine street, Decatur.

Mrs. Gardner, since coming to Decatur to reside, has won the esteem of a wide circle of friends. Mr. Gardner is the popular agent of the Southern Express Company at Decatur.

COOPER-HECKER.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Winton have the honor of announcing the marriage of their sister Myrtle May Cooper to Mr. Benjamin S. Hecker on Thursday, January fourth, nineteen hundred seventeen.

DANCE TO BE GIVEN.

The annual New Year dance will be given at the Colonial club tonight. Dancing will begin after the theatre.

COTACO LITERARY.

Mrs. Mary Alma Guy, president. Mrs. Mae Mullen, secretary. There will be no meeting of the Cotaco Literary club this week, announcement to be made later.

CLUB CALENDAR.

Tuesday.

Woman's Literary—Mrs. D. D. McGee.
Bridge luncheon—Hotel Lyons.

Wednesday.

Ladies' Benevolent Society—Morgan County National Bank, at 3 p. m.
Music Study club—Mrs. W. A. Curry
Married Ladies' Bridge.

Thursday.

D. A. R.—Mrs. Fred Hunt.

Friday.

Auction Bridge—
School Improvement—Mrs. W. A. Curry.

Saturday.

Silk Stocking Club.

MISS LOLO NICHOLSON

A HOSTESS.

Miss Lolo Nicholson, one of our cities' popular girls, entertained charmingly Saturday evening a large coterie of friends. A Christmas scheme was carried in the decorations. Games and contests featured the evening, and Margaret Curry and Ray Buchanan were awarded the prizes. Afterward a salad course was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew D. Wiley, of Irvin, Ky., are the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Dodson.

Miss Clutie Bloodworth will leave soon for New York to study.

Mrs. R. T. Sheppard returned from Gadsden last night, after spending the holidays with her parents at Gadsden.

Mrs. L. C. Mars returned last night from a visit to relatives at Culleoka, Tenn.

Miss Dorothy Roberts has returned to Nashville after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Roberts.

Frank Inman, Miss Mary Inman and their mother, Mrs. Griggs, have returned from Paris, Tenn., where they spent the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Pickens left this morning for Moulton, where they will be the guests of their parents, the Reverend and Mrs. Rome Pickens, returning here tomorrow.

Misses Miriam Sherrod, Tate Ashford and Miss Hall, of Courtland, are visiting friends in the Twin Cities today.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Armfield and daughter, Jane Berry, spent Sunday in Birmingham.

Mrs. R. T. Aylor, of West End, is ill at Benevolent hospital.

Mrs. Louis Haggin, of Eva, is a patient at the Benevolent hospital.

Mrs. J. D. Sharp has returned from Tullahoma, where she spent the holidays as the guest of her mother, Mrs. M. J. Hart.

Mrs. Raymond Cooper returned to Rogersville today, having been the holiday guest of Mrs. Bruce Petty.

Miss Annie Lee Cotten returned to Huntsville today, having spent the

holidays as the guest of Miss Bessie Simrell.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Scott went to Huntsville Saturday to be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Murray.

The meeting of the Priscilla club, which was to have been held on tomorrow afternoon with Mrs. Eugene Guy, has been postponed.

The Married Ladies' Bridge club will meet with Mrs. R. G. Cortner on Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Annie Bynum, of Courtland, is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Cortner for the New Year's dance tonight.

PERSONALS

Garner Pride returned to Birmingham last night after spending Christmas with home-people here.

F. A. Bloodworth is in Nashville on business.

Leslie Doss will return to Moulton today.

Robert Howell Jervis will return to Georgia Tech Tuesday, after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Jervis.

William Kimbrough left last night for New York to resume his studies at Columbia University.

Paul Dever, of Hattiesburg, Miss., is here, the guest of relatives for the holidays.

Dr. Winston Cain, who was a Christmas guest of Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Gunter, has returned to Nashville, where he is a Vanderbilt student.

Dr. C. W. Price, a last year graduate of Vanderbilt, has completed his course of 18 months as interne at the Vassar hospital, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., is a guest of his sister, Mrs. C. L. Price.

Dr. W. B. Watson, of Pine Apple, Ala., is in the city.

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RIVER RISING.

The Tennessee continued to rise today, the stage at Chattanooga registering 11 feet 6 inches; at Bridgeport, 3 feet 8 inches; at Guntersville, 6 feet 6 inches.

Old Papers for Sale at Daily office.

To Our Customers:

With the passing of "1916" we are not unmindful of your patronage and we want you to know our keen appreciation of the business you have given us and of the courtesies you have extended our representatives, and we wish for you and all connected with your business, a Prosperous "1917"

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Boggs Goes West to Open Branch Office

J. G. Boggs, one of the owners of the Boggs puncture proof tire, leaves Tuesday for Los Angeles, where he will open a branch office for the concern. Mr. Boggs stated today that orders for the product were being filled as rapidly as possible from the plant at Plainsfield, N. J.

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BEAUTIFUL SONG SERVICE SUNDAY

CHOIR ABLY ASSISTED BY MRS. McNEILL AND MR. AND MRS. J. O. DAVIS.

An audience that filled the Westminster Presbyterian church to overflowing, more than one hundred being unable to obtain entrance to the building, last night heard the special Christmas song service given by the choir under the direction of Mrs. B. B. Pickens and assisted by Mrs. William McNeill, of Decatur, and Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Davis, of Lexington, Ky.

This was the first appearance of Mrs. McNeill here in recent months, and her number was one of the features of the program, which was excellent throughout. She was never in better voice, and her soprano solo, in which difficult high notes were taken with ease, was very much enjoyed.

Mrs. Davis gave a violin solo with marked effect, displaying a rare technique and unusual command of the instrument. She plays with temperament and feeling, and her number left the audience in spell-bound silence. Mrs. Davis also played the obligato to a number of the vocal solos and to the organ offertory as given by Mrs. Pickens.

Mr. Davis did not appear as a soloist, but his tenor contributed much to the effect of the choral numbers.

The final solo of the evening, given by B. B. Pickens, whose tenor voice is one of splendid range and tonal quality was most pleasing. Other striking features of the program were solos by Mrs. A. A. Hardage, Miss Ruth Hartung, Raymond Clark and Miss Ione Clark. The anthems by the choir were beautifully given.

The choir is composed of the following members: Gilbert Crane, Raymond Clark, basses; Miss Ione Clarke, Miss Ella Graber, altos; Miss Ruth Hartung, Mrs. Jerre Clark, sopranos; B. B. Pickens, J. O. Davis, tenors.

The program follows:
Organ prelude (Wessel)—Mrs. B. B. Pickens.
Anthem—"Peace on Earth" (Gabriel)—The choir.

Solo—"Christmas Song" (Boex)—Miss Clark.
Anthem—"Holy Night" (Adams)—The choir.

Duet—"Songs of Praise the Angels Sang" (Hosmer)—B. B. Pickens and Raymond Clark.
Solo—"Calm on the Listening Ear of Night" (Armstrong)—Miss Hartung.

Violin Obligato—Mrs. Stella Lyons Davis.
Offertory (Neve)—Mrs. Pickens, Mrs. Davis.

Anthem—"The Christmas Song" (Wilson)—The choir.
Solo—"The Christ Child" (Coombs)—Mrs. Wm. McNeill.
Male quartet—"Holy Night" (Becker)—B. B. Pickens, Raymond Clark, Gilbert Crane, J. O. Davis.
Solo—"O, Star Resplendent" (Cadmon)—Mrs. A. A. Hardage.
Anthem—"He Shall Give His Angels Charge" (Stone)—The choir.
Solo—"Glory To God" (Boax)—B. B. Pickens.
Hymn—"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" (Ar by Wessel)—The choir.

NOTES ARE CHANGED.

Beginning today, the Western Union Telegraph Company announces that its Decatur office will be open only from 6 to 11 o'clock on week days and from 8 to 6 o'clock on Sundays and holidays.

Our Best Wishes**Here's to a Year of Comfort**

This year which but yesterday has gone. Father Time has Whether we will like this one depends upon whether it is yet. For you and for ourselves prove a record breaker. It is our sincerest wish that the effect today will prove both satisfactory.

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RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$185,642.46
Acceptances—Cotton	242,500.00
Overdrafts	5.02
U. S. Bonds to Secure Circulation	75,000.00
Five per cent Redemption Fund	3,750.00
Furniture and Fixtures	9,198.35
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	3,100.00
Stocks and Bonds	7,454.92
Cash and Due from Banks	75,322.41
TOTAL	\$601,973.16

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus	3,500.00
Undivided Profits	3,000.00
Reserved for Taxes	149.13
Deposits	256,382.03
Circulation	75,000.00
Bills Payable	60,000.00
Re-Discounts	103,942.00

TOTAL - - - **\$601,973.16**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We extend to our many friends the best wishes for a bright and prosperous New Year